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Filed : April 27, 2001
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Fastening System
Art Unit : 3761
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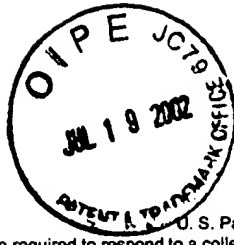
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In response to the Office Action May 23, 2002 relating to the above-referenced application, applicants elect claim 1 in order to comply with the Examiner's requirement for election of species. It is believed that claims 2-39 read on claim 1. Moreover, claim 40 and its dependent claims 41-78 also read on claim 1 as well. This election is made with traverse because the Examiner on page 2 of the action has set forth 13 species, with each species being equated to one or more figures of drawing in this application. Thus, it is not known from the action whether the different species refer to claims in the application or to different drawings.

Respectfully submitted,


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